

## **106th Financial Management Support Unit**

### *16th Sustainment Brigade, Special Troops Battalion*

#### **History**

The 106th Financial Management Support Unit has a long and distinguished history, beginning on 22 February 1944 with the constitution of the 106th Finance Disbursing Section, later redesignated as the 106th Finance Battalion. That same year, the 106th deployed to England where it provided pay support to units awaiting the Normandy invasion. In November 1944, after the invasion by the allied forces, the unit moved to France where it continued to operate for the remainder of the war. The unit was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Theater streamer for the World War II's participation.

The 106th was allotted to the regular army in 1950 at which time it was transferred to the Eighth United States Army, Korea, where it participated in a number of major campaign, earning two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit citations. In 1958, the unit was reassigned to United States Army Europe, Stuttgart, Germany. In December of 1990, the 106th deployed with the Seventh Finance Group to Southwest Asia, earning campaign participation credit for the defense of Saudi Arabia and the liberation of Kuwait. After the Gulf war, as a result of the inactivation of the Seventh Corps and the Seventh Finance Group, command and control of the 106th was transferred to the Fifth Finance Group.

When the Fifth Finance Group deactivated in 1994, command and control of the 106th transferred to the 266th Finance Command. In 1999, the 106th spearheaded the initial finance deployment to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian. Task Force Diamondback returned to the area again in 2002 supporting the 1st Infantry Division. Additionally, in February 2004, the 106th deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

In July 2006, the 106th Finance Battalion was re-designated as the 39th Finance Battalion in preparation for the army transformation to Financial Management Companies. This redesignation ended 11 months later on 8 June 2007 as the 106th was again activated as the first Financial Management Company in Europe.

Since 1993 Soldiers of the 106th have participated in operations Provide Promise, Provide Cover, Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, Able Sentry, Joint Guardian, Army Forces-Turkey, Enduring Freedom, Joint Task Force East, Romania, and Operations Iraqi Freedom I, II, and 08-10.